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SUBJECT: OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 7

1. SUMMARY: AT VENEZUELA'S REQUEST THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MET MORNING SEPTEMBER 7 TO CONSIDER CALLING A MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. DURING THE DEBATE, VENEZUELA CHARACTERIZED THE EVENTS IN NICARAGUA AS AN URGENT PROBLEM ENDANGERING THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE, WHILE NICARAGUA INSISTED THAT THE SITUATION WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER, ALTHOUGH INVOLVING "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM", THAT DID NOT JUSTIFY OAS ACTION, WHICH WOULD BE A CLEAR CASE OF INTERVENTION PROHIBITED BY THE CHARTER. FOLLOWING THE ARGUMENTATION, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL AGREED BY CONSENSUS TO POSTPONE VOTING ON THE CONVOCAION QUESTION UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12, TO GIVE THE OAS AMBASSADORS TIME TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON WHAT ALL AGREED

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WAS A MATTER OF HIGH URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INITIAL PRESENTATION, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN CITED HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS, THE PRINCIPLE OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, AND CONCERN FOR THE REGION'S PEACE AND SECURITY, AS MOTIVES FOR VENEZUELA TO REQUEST A MEETING

OF CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE NICARAGUA SITUATION. HE SAID VENEZUELA BELIEVES IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT. VENEZUELA FEARS THE PROBLEMS OF NICARAGUA MAY SPILL OVER INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES CAUSING DIVISIONS IN THE REGION.

3. NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA REPLIED WITH A SCATHING PERSONAL ATTACK ON MACHIN. SEVILLA SACASA ASKED THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO REPUDIATE VENEZUELA'S ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF NICARAGUA AND RAISED SPECTER OF "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL PALACE ATTACK. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE OAS WOULD BE SEEN AS UNJUSTIFIED INTERVENTION, AND WOULD CREATE PRECEDENT THAT ALL WOULD REGRET.

4. FOLLOWING TWO MORE BITTER EXCHANGES BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND NICARAGUA, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ASKED THAT VOTE, WHICH NICARAGUA, SECONDED BY PARAGUAY, MOVED FOR, BE DELAYED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HAVE TIME TO CONSULT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THE PERMANENT COUNCIL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12, TO VOTE ON THE MATTER. CHRISTOPHER

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